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Community Thanksgiving

The Beebe Ministerial Alliance will have its annual Community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:00. The service will be held at First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Chamber to Send Calendar E-Mails

The Beebe Chamber of Commerce is now sending community calendar e-mails to Chamber members. If you would like to be included in this e-mail, whether you are a Chamber member or not, please e-mail the Chamber with your request for this free service. The Chamber e-mail address is Chamber@BeebeARK.org.

Flu Shots Available Thurs. at Beebe Health Unit

The White County Health Department in Beebe will be giving flu shots in Beebe on Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. They will cost \$15 and are covered under Medicaid and Medicare. Shots will be given throughout the week at the White County Health Department in Searcy. For more information, call 268-6102.

Young Girl Seen on Top of Train Moving Through Beebe

On Tuesday morning, November 15th, at approximately 10:30 a.m., sports reporter Chris Bouck was working at *The Beebe News* when he saw a young girl on top of a very fast moving train traveling towards Searcy. The girl had long blond hair and a blue sweat-shirt on. She was holding on to a pipe on top of a tanker car. Beebe Police Department was notified and they contacted Union Pacific Railroad. When the police department was contacted later in the day, to see if the girl was okay, we were told that they had no other information.

Mark Gibson, staff writer at *The Beebe News*, contacted Mr. Davis at Union Pacific and was told that the train was stopped and no one was found on the rail cars. Worried about the girl, he asked if anyone was looking on the tracks for her. Mr. Davis said that there were a lot of trains that had passed there since then and they hadn't seen anything. He was told that the White County Sheriff's Office might have more information. When contacted, the Sheriff's office told Mr. Gibson that when the officers got to the stopped train they were intercepted by the Union Pacific Police and told that they didn't need their help. If anyone has any information about this incident please call *The Beebe News* at 882-5414.

Former Beebe Parks Director, David Storey Dies

Col. David Edward Storey, USAF (Ret.), resident of Searcy, died Sunday, November 13, 2005 in Houston, Texas. He was 57 years of age and died following a brief illness.

David was born September 19, 1948 in Kennett, Missouri, the son of Harry Odell and Lottie May Hastings Storey. He graduated from Senath Hornersville High School in 1966, Harding College in 1970, and received his Master's degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1994 after 24 years of service. He flew B-52 Missions during the Vietnam Conflict from bases in Thailand and Guam and served stateside during Desert Storm. During his military career, he served as Wing Staff Officer and Instructor at USAF, Ft. Worth; Chief of Force Application Team, USAF, Omaha; Commander, 42d Avionics Maintenance Squadron, USAF, Loring Air Force Base, Base Commander at Shemya Air Force Base in the Aleutian Islands from 1992 through 1993; Special Assistant to the Chief of Safety, USAF, Langley Air Force Base.

After retirement, David was the Aerospace Science Instructor in Topeka, Kansas; Jr. ROTC Commander at Greene County Tech in Paragould, Director of the Beebe Parks and Recreation, worked for the State Emergency Management Agency in Conway, and the



Col. David Storey

Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. David was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother, Lottie Storey of Searcy; two daughters, Shannon Ewing and husband, Paul of Boynton Beach, Florida and Allison Cherry and husband Mike of Dickson, Tennessee; their mother, Lavada Storey of Searcy; two grandsons, Joseph Ewing and Connor Cherry.

David was preceded in death by his father, Harry Storey and a sister, Harriet Zarbaugh.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 pm Friday at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy with Mr. Glen Pace, officiating. Interment will be in White County Memorial Gardens. Visitation for David will be Thursday from 5 until 8 at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to powellfh@cablelynx.com

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home. of Searcy.



Veteran's Day Ceremony in Beebe

Paul Hill, city clerk/treasurer, welcomes everyone to the Beebe Veterans Monument in a ceremony Friday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. The Beebe High school JROTC and the Beebe Jr. High School Male Choir participated in the ceremony. Hermon Blackmon, Jr. Vice Cmdr. of VFW Post 7769 introduced the speaker, MSgt. David Hembroff of the 463rd Airlift Wing, LRAFB. Names added to the monuments were: Kenny Termin, Sgt. U.S. Army, William D. Underwood A1C USAF, Vester W. Weeks Pvt. US Army, Roy C. Tobey Sgt. US Navy, Edward D. Conway A1C USAF, James W. Phillips PFC US Army, Odey J. Pipkins PFC US Army and George W. Collins PFC US Army.



MSgt. David Hembroff



Hermon Blackmon

Mayor Donald Ward Announces He Will Not Seek Re-Election



Mayor Donald Ward, surrounded by friends and family, announced Tuesday afternoon that he will not seek re-election.
(Photo by Lee "Cat" McLane)

BY LEE "CAT" McLANE
Editor/Publisher

From the time he was six years old and heard Pres. John F. Kennedy, Mayor Donald Ward was inspired and motivated to be active in politics. Being a history teacher at Beebe High School also tends to lend itself to thinking about events in political terms. These were the things that Mayor Donald Ward told a crowd of about 50 people Tuesday afternoon as he reviewed his political life before announcing that he would not seek re-election to a third term as mayor. He made it clear that he thought he could have been re-elected but chose not to run and wanted to make

the announcement when he did to give others the opportunity to plan a campaign.

"I want to spend more time with my children and my family," Ward said. "I will not rule out running for another office in this city or higher in the future," he said. But he reminded the audience that he will continue to work hard and be the mayor until one minute after midnight Jan. 1st, 2007.

Ward began his political career in 1991 serving as city alderman for 8 years. He began his first of two terms as mayor in 1999 where he was dealt ice storms and a devastating tornado in his first month in office. After listing several of the accomplishments during his administration, Ward stressed that these were not his accomplishments but that of "Team Beebe."



State Sen. John Paul Capps (right) Tuesday presented a Capitol Citation from Secretary of State Charlie Daniels for Mayor Ward's many accomplishments during his administration.
(Photo by Lee "Cat" McLane)

Christmas Happenings:

Christmas Lighting Ceremony is December 2nd

The ceremony will begin with a walk from the United Methodist Church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. to Daniel Park. The lights will be turned on at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this city Christmas tradition.

City of Beebe Christmas Parade is December 3rd

The City of Beebe and Beebe Chamber of Commerce will co-host its 2005 Christmas Parade, "Old-Fashioned Christmas," Saturday, December 3 at 6 p.m.

The lighted parade will begin at the Beebe schools and progress downtown and through the heart of the city. In addition to the parade, the city will also host a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Daniel Park Friday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Parade entries are \$10 for those organizations and businesses that would like to enter a float. Parade entry forms are available from the Beebe Chamber of Commerce and must be returned by November 23. Floats will be judged in four categories: civic, commercial, educational, and religious.

For more information about Beebe's Christmas festivities, please contact the Beebe Chamber of Commerce at 882-8135 (ext. 2).